

EXHIBIT I

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

4 v. S(7)98CR1023

5 USAMA BIN LADEN, et al.,

6 Defendants.

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New York, N.Y.
February 14, 2001
10:30 a.m.

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12 Before:

13 HON. LEONARD B. SAND,

14 District Judge

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1 treat that as evidence.

2 This is a stipulation agreed by and between the
3 United States of America and the defendants by and with the
4 consent of their attorneys as follows.

5 1. On December 27, 1979 the Soviet Union invaded
6 Afghanistan, a country with a predominantly Muslim population.

7 2. In response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
8 groups of Muslims formed an armed force that became known as
9 the Afghan Mujahadeen. The Afghan Mujahadeen fought the
10 invading Soviet force and the Soviet-supported Afghan
11 government.

12 3. In 1986 during its occupation of Afghanistan, the
13 Soviet Union installed Mohammed Najibullah as president of
14 Afghanistan.

15 4. On February 15, 1989, the last Soviet troops
16 departed from Afghanistan.

17 5. From the time of the departure of Soviet troops
18 from Afghanistan in February 1989, through the dissolution of
19 the Soviet Union in 1991, the Soviet Union provided economic
20 and military support to the Najibullah government in
21 Afghanistan.

22 6. From shortly after the start of the Soviet
23 invasion in Afghanistan in 1979, through September 1991, the
24 United States, through one of its intelligence agencies,
25 provided economic and military support to the Afghan

1 mujahideen through a third country intermediary.

2 7. Beginning in 1987 the American military support
3 to the Afghan mujahideen included stinger antiaircraft
4 missiles.

5 The parties have so stipulated, and, as I said, those
6 are facts which are not disputed and are in evidence before
7 you.

8 MR. FITZGERALD: The government now calls Essam al
9 Ridi.

10 ESSAM AL RIDI,

11 called as a witness by the government,

12 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

13 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please be seated. Please state
14 your full name.

15 THE WITNESS: Essam al Ridi.

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. FITZGERALD:

18 Q. Can you spell your first name for the record as well.

19 A. Certainly. E double S A M.

20 Q. You have a loud voice, so if you could keep your loud
21 voice and just make sure you look at the microphone because
22 it's directional.

23 Sir, could you tell the jury where you were born?

24 A. I was born in Cairo, Egypt, 1958.

25 Q. And for how long did you live in Egypt?